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### ACRE TREATY IS APPROVED.

Bolivian Congress Strongly Favors Arrangement With Brazil.

SPECIAL BY CABLE TO THE NEW YORK HERALD AND THE ST. LOUIS REPUBLIC.
La Paz, Bolivia, Dec. 25.—(Copyright, 1903.)—The Bolivian Congress, by a vote of 41 to 11, approved the Acre treaty with

Under the treaty for the settlement of the Acre dispute, Brazil agrees to cede to Bolivia 3,000 kilometers of territory, giving Bolivia direct communication with Upper Paraguay. Bolivia will also receive \$10,000,000, of which \$5,000,000 is to be paid after the ratification of the treaty, and the remainder in 1905.

Acre will be administered by a military Governor, under the direction of the Brazilian Government. An arbitration tribunal will be established for the settlement of all questions which may arise over the territory. This tribunal will be composed of one Brazillan, one Bolivian and a Minister of some foreign Power, the latter to act as umpire.

### BISHOP POTTER IS INJURED.

Accident Keeps Him From Preaching Christmas Sermon.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, Dec. 25.—Through the inability of Bishop Henry C. Potter to preach the Christmas sermon at St. Andrew's Church to-day, it was learned that he had met with an accident two days ago which has kept him confined to his bed since. While alighting from his carriage in front of his home on Wednesday, the

front of his home on Wednesday, the Bishop received a strain of the tendons in the calf of his leg.

While very painful, the injury was in no way serious. A specialist was called in to attend him, however, and the Bishop to-day had so far recovered as to walk with the aid of crutches.

## FOUND DEAD BESIDE TRACK.

William Stuffelman Killed by Train Near Vandalia, Ill.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Vandalla, Ill., Dec. 25.-William Stuffelman, 60 years old, was found dead beside the Vandalia road early this morning. The the Vandalia road early this morning. The oody was mangled, the head being mashed to a jelly. It is supposed he attempted to cross the track ahead of the train.

He lived here about twenty years, but nothing definite is known of his relatives. It is thought he has an uncle in St. Louis and a brother in Cincinnati. The Chief of Police in both cities have been asked to locate his relatives.

### Gifts for Firm's Employes.

The Brown Shoe Company, to celebrate the ending of one of the most successful years in its history, arranged a long list of Christmas gifts for its employes. The married men employed at the Eleventh street store and the foremen of the departments of the factories, were each presented with a turkey. The single men married to-day at the married to-day at the street store and the street store and the street store are street as the street store and the street store are street store and the street store are street store as the street store and the street store are street store as the street store are street store as the street store are street store and the street store are street store and the street store and the street store are street store and the street store are street store and the street store and the street store are street store as the street store are street store and the street store are street store a sented with a turkey. The single men-wino nave been in the employ of the com-pany for more than a year, were given the choice between a pair of shoes and a derby hat, while neckties were presented to each of the single men who have been in the employ or the company for less than a year. A \$5 gold piece was presented to each stenographer.

### SPECIALTIES.

**FUNERAL FLOWERS** And designs of all kinds — wreaths, pillows, crosses, etc.; also artificial emblems. Loose cut flowers. Eden Floral Co., 1725 Olive st.

DEATHS.

CARTEN-On Thursday, December 24, 1843, at 5 o'clock a, m., at Cuba, Mo., Julia, beloved wife of Thomas Carten. The funeral will take place Saturday, 18th inst, at 1:39 o'clock p, m. from residence of her nicee. Mrs. Richard Jones, No. 8545 Lucky street, to St. Teresa's Chutch, thence to Calvary Cemetery. Friends are invited to attend.

DEIBEL-On Friday, December 25, 1852, at a. m., Aloysius Deibel, dearly beloved son of Wm. and Henrietta Deibel, after a lingering liness, at the age of 2 years 7 months. Funeral from family residence, No. 2238 North Broadway, on Sunday, December 25, at 1:39 p. m. Relatives and friends invited to attend.

FRITSCH-On Thursday, December 24, 1903, at 1 o'clock a m. Fred F. Fritsch, beloved father of Neille, Ray and Gertrude Fritsch. Puneral Saturday, December 25, at 1:20 p. m., from family residence, No. 521 Biddle street, to St. Patrick's Church, theace to Bellefontaine

PREITAS-On Friday, December 25, 1902, after a lingering fitness, Julia Fraitas, relict ristrated for from Francis, Heimer and Mrs. Mary cessa and our deer aunt, need 6 years 8 curbs and 22 days. Funeral Studen, at 2 p. from residence of her sister, Mrs. Bessa, 10, 111 South Minth street, to St. Vincent de sul's Church thence to SR Peter and Paul's emetey. Relatives and friends are invited.

LEWIS-On Friday morning, December E. 1993, at 4:50 o'clock, at Louisville, Ky., Henry D. Lewis, aged 58 years.

MESSER-On Thursday, December 24, 1932, at 45 a. m., Augusta Messer, Will be buried in ellefontaine Cometery at 2 o'clock p. m., De-

NOLAN-On Thursday, December 24, 1903, at 129 a. m., after a lingering illness. Matthew tolan, beloved husband of Ellen Nolan (nee 1901), father of Mrs. D. P. Shen (nee Nous), Jessie, Murtha and Flavin Nolan, aged 58 ears and 5 months. The funetal will take lace on Saturday, December 28, at 3 o'clock m., from residence, No. 4lliA East Prairie cenne, to Church of the Holy Name, thence to alvary Cemetery. Priends invited to attend.

PAULUS—On Thursday, Docember 34, 1962, at a m., Herbert John D., dearly beloved son John D. and Julia Paulus (nee Hertwig), ter a short Illness, aged 5 years. Funeral m family risedence, No. 420 Kennerly aveg. Saturday, December 25, at 2 p. m. Friends ited to attend.

RYAN-Entered into rest suddenly on Thursday, December 24, 1902, at 9 o'clock p. m., John J. Ryan, beloved son of James and Catherine Ryan (new Waters), and brother of William, George, James A. and Thomas Ryan and Mrs. Ben Schaiz. Funeral will take piece from family residence, No. 245 Riddle street, on Sunday, December 17, at 2 o'clock p. m., to St. Bridget's Church, thence to Calvary Cometery. Friends are respectfully invited, Kansus City, St. Joe. Mo., and Peoria, III., papers piezes copy.

WIMMER-Entered into rest Thursday, De-mber 34, 1963, at 11 o'clock a. m., Leroy Wai-Wimmer, beloved son of Walter and Annie Wimmer, a: the age of 52 years 2 months of 16 days. Funeral from family residence, a 5018 Horison place, at 2 o'clock p. m., Satur-ty, December 36, Internent private. New Y. December 36, Internent private.

Thinks His Chances for Nomination Are Hurt by His Reputation as "Slick Politician."

VIEWS OF A CONGRESSMAN. INVESTIGATION IN PROGRESS.

York Will Be the Democratic Nominee for President in 1904.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Washington, Dec. 25.—"I have made up my mind as to the man who is to be nominated by the Democratic party for the presidency, and also the man who is to manage the campaign," said Representative Cooper of Texas to-day. "Judge Par ker will be nominated and Senator

man will manage the campaign as chair-man of the National Committee," "But how about the candidacy of Mr Gorman for the nomination?" Mr. Cooper was asked.

"Senator Gorman would make an excel lent candidate and a great President, but if I can catch the drift of sentiment among Democrats everywhere, it is not running toward Gorman for the nomina tion. During the last six months I have been in New York a great deal and I have talked with Democrats constantly in the cloakroom of the House of Representatives. I think I have had an excellent op-portunity to judge of the sentiment that exists in relation to the candidates who have been mentioned from time to time.

"No," he continued, in reply to a question, "I cannot tell you who would be opposed to the nomination to Gorman. I do not know that any one would be. He is highly regarded in the party. But when Democrats constantly say 'Gorman would make a good candidate, but—' I know what that means. There is always an 'if' or a 'but' whenever the name of Gorman is mentioned.

"Now, the fact is, Senator Gorman is known all over the country as a 'politician.' He is spoken of very generally as a 'slick politician.' Somehow, that sort of sentiment, when it gets broadcast, does not do a man any good among the people when it comes to making a selection for high office.

"People don't like these applications."

"People don't like those qualifications in connection with a presidential candi-date. They do not give strength among the ordinary voters. It is hard to get up enthusiasm in the face of such a reputa-

enthusiasm in the face of such a reputation.

"I hope to make myself thoroughly understood. I admire Senator Gorman and
his great ability, but I am simply, at
your request, giving my views as to his
position just at this time in relation to
the nomination.

"These qualifications of a shrewd politician that are so generally accredited to
Mr. Gorman are qualifications that point
to him as the manager of the next campaign. I do not doubt that there will be
a very general demand on Mr. Gorman to
manage the campaign, and I do not doubt
that he will do it."

## WEDS THE SWEETHEART

The Reverend V. W. Thrall Marries Miss Carrie Jones at O'Fallon, Ill.

O'Fallon, Ill., Dec. 25.-The Reverend V. W. Thrall and Miss Carrie F. Jones were married to-day at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Jones. The bridegroom is a son of the Reverend Doctor Thrall, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church at Flora, Ill. The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. A. C. Jones, a niece of D. M. Houser of St.

Louis.

The couple were sweethearts at McKendree College, where they attended school. Miss Jones was graduated in the class of '97 with the highest honors. She is an accomplished musician and an elocutionist. She was a teacher in the public schools of this city for four years.

Mr. Thrall was graduated from McKendree with honors in the class of '99. He is also a graduate of the Garrett Biblical Institution of Evanston, Ill., in 1906. He is now occupying the pulpit of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Farina, Ill.

WINKELHATE-BECK. Centralia, Mo. Dec. 25.—Mr. H. El Winkel-hate of Springfield, Ill., and Miss Lens Beck were married here last evening at the home of the bride.

HELDENBRAND-SMITH. St. Eimo, Ill., Dec. E.-Mise Daisy Smith and Mr. Oscar Heldsnbrand, both of Avena, were married at the bride's home last evening. TEGARDEN-WILSON.

Eldorado, Ill., Dec. 25.—Mr. Ephraim Tegarden, és years old, and Mrs. Sarah B. Wilson, és, of Texas City, were married last night.

Sen, of Texas City, were married last night.

FAYETTE WEDDINGS.

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Fayette, Mo., Dec. 25.—This has been a record-breaking week for marriages in Howard County. The following couples have been married since Sunday: James I. Snyder and Grace R. Smith, Vedal Chavez and Feleria Perez, R. J. Amick and Florence Smith, Edgar Chumbley and Sailie Turner. Frank Webster and Mary McKinley, Frank O'Bryan and Margaret Todd, R. A. Leach and Bessie Lee Doughert Todd. R. A. Leach and Bessie Lee Doughert Todd. R. A. Leach and Baries Lee Doughert Todd. R. A. Leach and Bensie Lee Doughert Todd. R. A. Leach and Bartha Johnson. Thomas J. Welcoxson and North A. Wells, Senjamis J. Gibbs and Martha I. Tatum, Jesse W. Were and Annie Belle Cresson, Harry C. Hill and Ida May Barnes. W. J. Turner and Martha Peetley S. H. Chashin and Pluma E. Torrage, Deimar Amick and Alpha Duren, W. P. Ford Bridour.

RODCOUT-COERFIELD. Evansville, Ind., Dec. 26.—Miss Sallie Coer-field and Mr. Lucian Rodcout of Henderson, Ky., eloped here to-day and were married by Magistrate H. F. Schrader.

### TURNVEREIN GIVES FESTIVAL. Prizes Awarded for Proficiency

and Attendance. The eighth annual Christmas festival of the Humboldt Turnverein, at its hall, No. 2340 Easton avenue, was attended by more

than 2,000 people last night.

An immense Christmas tree in the center of the hall was covered with presents for each child that had attended the turning school. A programme, consisting of singing and various athletic exercises and drills, was rendered.

Prizes were given to the pupils most proficient in athletics and to those who had the best records for attendance.

The entertainment was in charge of Leo Bloch, president of the organization, and F. A. Becker, chairman of the Entertainment Committee.

CHRISTMAS AT THE WHITE HOUSE. Presents Distributed After Breakfast

-Morning Ride Abandoned. Washington, Dec. 25.-Christmas at the White House was a quiet day. President Roosevelt's morning ride was abandoned, that he might attend the funeral service of Mrs. Hoar. Prior to this, he spent an hour at his desk.

Distribution of the numerous presents to the children took place immediately after breakfast. There was no family tree, although Archie Roosevelt took possession of the White House sewing-room several days ago and devised a tree of his own, on which he hung remembrances to the family.

the family.
Secretary Cortelyou of the Department of Commerce and Labor and General Young, Chief of Staff of the army, saw the President during the morning. Commander and Mrs. Cowles spent a portion of the day at the White House.
This evening the President entertained a number of friends at dinner.

# SAYS GORMAN WILL SERVICES ARE HELD MANAGE CAMPAIGN FOR WRECK VICTIMS

Disaster Near Connellsville Will Take Place To-Day.

Believes Judge Parker of New Relief Committee Will Give Burial to Unidentified Bodies-Undertakers Have More Than They Can Do.

> Connellsville, Pa., Dec. 25.-Another name has been added to the long death list resulting from the Duquesne Limited wreck on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad at Dawson on Wednesday.

> Harry Devlin, one of the three remaining patients at the Cottage State Hospital, died this morning. The total dead now number sixty-five, and this proba-bly completes the list, as the two still at the hospital are doing well and will probably recover. Devlin's home was at Lonaconing, Md.

There was one Christmas funeral-that of Edison Goldsmith. Goldsmith was a popular young man and an immense con-course attended the services.

The bodies of the other Connellsville victims will be held until Saturday or overworked to attempt to conduct several funerals in a day. Special services for the dead were held

in all the Protestant churches of the coke regions to-day, and after the burial of Father Fienello, which will take place to-morrow, the Catholic churches will hold nasses for the dead. The body of Father Fienello was conveyed to the main body of the Church of

the Immaculate Conception this morning, where it will remain in state until the funeral services on Saturday. The bodies of about thirty of the vicims were gathered up and taken away on early trains to-day. The remaining identified will be shipped within the next twenty-four hours and the unknowns will

be cared for by the Borough Council. President George G. Porter has called a

OF HIS SCHOOL DAYS. Germans Compelled Bridegroom to Give Shoes to Bride.

in which they roll away from the scene at which the ceremony takes place. Yet few know how the custom originated," said Ralph S. Thompson of Philadelphia.

"It was first known in what is now a part of the German Empire. According to a law enacted in Hamburg in 1291, the bridegroom was bound to present to the bride a pair of shoes. They almost played the part of our engagement ring, the evidence of betrothal.

"Among the Saxons of Transylvania it is still the custom for the bridegroom, early in the morning of the wedding day. to send his intended a pair of shoes, and an ancient tradition enjoins upon the girl that she must treasure these shoes if she wants to be kindly treated by her hus-band, for he will not begin to beat her un-

wants to be kindly treated by her husband, for he will not begin to beat her until they are worn out.

"In Greece, when the malden has concluded the leave-taking with her friends in her father's house, the 'best man' puts on her feet her boots, the gift of the bridegroom. Then the procession starts for the church, but before entering the bridegroom's mother asks three times: 'Bride, hast thou the shoes?' 'In many places the shoes are given to the relatives and not to the bride. Among some of the American Indian tribes the braves, on visiting their intended before marriage, place shoes on her feet (moccasins).

marriage, piace shoes on her feet (mocca-sins).

"In Bulgaria the bridegroom makes a money present to the relatives of the bride. It is called 'shoe money,' and the father buys the shoes for the other mem-bers of his family. This money is said to be the relic of the price paid for a wife to the clan from which she was taken."

## FUNERAL OF DOCTOR BRYANT.

Body of Veterinary Dentist Buried at Crystal City.

Doctor Nelson B. Bryant of No. Harper street, whose funeral was held in Crystal City, Mo., yesterday morning, was a veterinary dentist, and was said to be the only men in the West who practiced that profession.

Doctor Bryant was born in Crystal City, Mo., in 1851 and established his practice in St. Louis five years ago. He is survived by a wife and two daughters. The latter are: Mrs. Otto Sassmann and Miss Hazel Bryant.

The principal call for Doctor Bryant's services came from owners and trainers of race horses, although many firms which own horses paid him a salary to look after the teeth of their horses.

Doctor Bryant died Thursday morning of pneumonia, after a short illness.

He had a wide acquaintance among horsemen and had been called to attend the teeth of many famous race horses. in Crystal City, Mo., yesterday morning.

### YOUTH KILLED HIS FATHER. Shot Parent While Protecting Mother From Assault.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL Joplin, Mo., Dec. 25.-In protecting his mother from an assault by his father, Bert K. Barron, 17 years old, shot and killed Mathles Barron at 4 o'clock this morning at their home on East Seventh

street.

Barron was a miner, 47 years old. He became quarrelsome and made the threat that he would get his revolver and kill the family.

"Twe been doped, and I'm going to shoot the roof out." he shouted, as he started toward a dresser drawer for a revolver. Young Barron grappled with his father, who in the struggle was shot and killed. Young Barron was arrested and placed in jall. He claims to have shot his father by accident. An inquest will be held to-

Archbishop Chappelle to Visit Rome Rome, Dec. E.—The Congregation of the Propaganda has received information that Archbishop Chappelle will come to Rome in the near future for the purpose of obtaining a definite settlement of church questions in Cuba and Porto Rico.

# EXPORTS OF 1903 SEVEN MILLIONS

Many Funerals Resulting From Foreign Consumption of American Boots and Shoes Increasing by Leaps and Bounds.

**EUROPE, LARGEST PURCHASER** 

Only England Surpasses United States in Total Shipments and She Is Being Rapidly Overhauled.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Washington, Dec. 25.—Exports of boots and shoes from the United States show a steady growth, and for the calendar year about to end will aggregate more than \$7,000,000 in value. In 1893 they were less than three-quarters of a million dollars

in value. Few of the important articles entering into our export trade show a more rapid growth in exports or a wider distribution than boots and shoes. More than sixty countries and colonies are named by the Department of Commerce and Labor through its Bureau of Statistics as the destination of the boots and shoes exported from the United States in the year about to end. England, Germany, France, Belgium, Denmark and the Netherlands, Sunday before burial. In fact, this is a in the order named, are the chief Euro-necessity, as the undertakers are too pean customers, and to Europe is sen pean customers, and to Europe is sent more than one-third of our total exports of boots and shoes.

In North America, Canada, Mexico Cuba and the British West Indies are the largest consumers of our boots and shoes, while the South and Central American countries also take greater or less quantities, though not in proportion to th mounts taken by the West Indian

amounts taken by the West Indian islands, Mexico and Canada.

To Asia the exports of boots and shoes from the United States are small, the British East Indies and China being the chief points of destination for the exports to that continent. Australia is a large importer of boots and shoes from the United States, nearly one-sixth of our exports in that line being to British Australia.

Africa is also a considerable importer of boots and shoes from the United States, especially British Africa. SECOND IN WORLD'S LIST.

be cared for by the Borough Council.

President George G. Porter has called a special meeting to take steps toward the formation of a relief committee to look after bodies unidentified or unclaimed. In case no friends appear the citizens will see that the victims do not find a last resting place in the potter's field. The railroad company will contribute liberally to this fund.

The official investigation into the cause of the disaster is being prosecuted vigorously by the officers of the railroad company, but it is doubtful if any individual will be blamed for the accident.

It was apparent that switch ties which had fallen off a westbound freight train and were strewn upon the passenger track caused the flying express to be derailed.

ORIGIN OF AN ODD CUSTOM.

Germans Compelled Bridegroom to Give Shoes to Bride.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Washington, Dec. 25.—"The fall weddings announced in the daily papers recall to mind that in nearly all countries when a young couple is wedded some one flings an old shoe or slipper after the carriage in which they roll away from the scene at life the property of the states of the scene at life the world's exporters of boots and shoes, while an examination of the replative growth of exports of boots and shoes exported from the United States, respectively, justifies the conclusion that we shall soon overtake that friendly rival in the realitive growth of exports of boots and shoes from the United States, respectively, justifies the conclusion that we shall soon overtake that friendly rival in the relative growth of exports of boots and shoes from the United States, respectively, justifies the conclusion that we shall soon overtake that friendly rival in the relative growth in exports of the contrading from the United States, respectively, justifies the conclusion that we shall stoon overtake that friendly rival in the relative growth of exports of the united States have in the value of boots and shoes from the United States have increased more than \$5,50,000, while the spous of the

Thus, the average value per pair of boots and shoes exported from the United States is apparently more than 60 per cent in excess of that of boots and shoes exported from he United Kingdom. Yet despite this higher price for the United States product, the growth in exports of boots and shoes from the United States is, as already indicated, much more rapid than in those from the United Kingdom. These low average prices are explained by the fact that the statements of pairs and yalues include infants a children's and values include infants' a children's shoes as well as those for adults and the values given are based upon wholesale

### **FAREWELL NOTE TO MOTHER** IS FOUND ON THE STREET.

ohn Lempke of St. Louis Disappears From Boarding-House in Omaha. -Friends Fear Suicide.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Omaha, Neb., Dec. 25 .- "This is my last day on earth" is the opening sentence of a letter found on the street last night, which was written by John Lempke of No. 2008 Cass avenue, St. Louis.

Lempke has been working in Omaha for everal months. He has not been seen by

several months. He has not been seen by friends about his boarding-house since yesterday morning, when he departed in a despondent mood. The Coroner and police are searching for his body.

The letter is as follows:

Dear Mother: This is my last day on earth. This long time since you heard from me. I am in trouble. I've got to take this medicine to kill me. I hope you are all well, mother, sisters and brothers, cousins and uncle. Goodby to all. If you wish to bury me this is the only black sheep in the family.

JOHN LEMPKE.

According to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John J. Lempke, of No. 2008 Cass avenue, Lempke left home two years ago, and since that time they have been in ignorance of his whereabouts. He was 25 years old and was a tobacco stripper.

### FIRE IN DEPARTMENT STORE. Memphis Firm Suffers Loss of

From \$100,000 to \$150,000.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 25.-Fire to-day in the large department store of B. Lowenstein & Bros. caused damage approximately at from \$100,000 to \$150,000, fully insured. The fire started in the basement of the etail branch of the company, near the engine-room.

B. Lowenstein & Bros. conduct both a wholesale and retail business, it being the oldest dry goods house in Memphis or West Tennesse. The chief damage was done by water. The origin of the fire is unknown.

## FINDS SKETCHES OF DANTE.

Professor Livi's Discovery at Bologna Considered Important. Rome, Dec. 25.—Professor Givanni Livi, Director of the State Archives, at Bologna, which town is the principal center of Dantes's fame, has found a parchment dated I22, on which are two pen sketches represented. Dante crowned by Bologna. This discovery will prove of great inter-est to those who are searching for an au-thentic portrait of the poet.

Telephone Completed to Muscogee.

Muscogee, I. T., Dec. 25.—The North American Telephone Company has com-American Telephone Company has completed the Denison-Wagoner division of its
line and cut in on the local exchange here.
This company is covering Indian Territory and Okiahoma with its long-distance
toil lines and already has connected with
157 exchanges in North Texas, Okiahoma
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# HOLIDAY CLOSINGS MORE EXTENSIVE.

Many Industrial Enterprises Are Taking Advantage of Opportunity to Make Repairs.

BUSINESS REPORTS CONFLICT.

Encouraging Sign Found in Improvement of Collections-Labor Disputes Less Acute Than in Recent Months.

New York, Dec. 25.-R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade to-morrow will

say:
Holiday conditions pervade the markets, and nost of the exchanges are closed until Mon-

day.

Manufacturing plants were stopping for in ventories and repairs, in many cases the exfor the corresponding season in recent preced-

ing years.

There has been a liberal volume of business in holiday goods, but reports are somewhat conflicting in comparison with 1902. An encouraging sign is the improvement in collections.

Railway traffic was not seriously impeded by recent storms, owing to better methods of operation, and earnings thus far reported for December exceed last year's by 6 per cent.

Agreements are being made with little friction as to wage reductions, except in the case of coal mining and several idle plants have fixed the date for resuming work. Few labor disputes are in progress, and steel producers look for much new husiness early next month. look for much new husiness early next month.
Engagements of gold were checked by a
sharp recovery in foreign exchange, although cipts have raised treasury g

above all previous records, and money is un-usually easy for the season.

Owing to the decrease in speculation, bank exchanges for the week were 16.7 per cent smaller than a year ago at New York, while at other leading cities there was a gain of .5

Leading interests in the iron and steel indus try brought more stability to the situation ! try brought more stability to the situation by deciding against any further reductions in quotations, and there are numerous indications that prespective purchasers do not intend to delay placing contracts beyond the season of inventories and repeirs. Expressions of opinion are heard in many prominent markets that orders will begin to appear about the middle of January, and a liberal volume of business will be placed for work to be done early in 1994.

will be placed as 1904. Shoe shops are receiving few new orders, and there is little effort at present to increase ac-tivity. Eastern wholesalers are more cautious regarding additional contracts for spring lines, but Western jobbers are seeking supplies libcraily.

Conservatism is still the leading characteristic in every department of the cotton goods market. Mills are steadily curtailing output and find it impossible to secure advances in finished product commensurate with the rise in raw material. Purchasers of cotton take only for urgent needs and refuse to pay the quotations asked for distant deliveries. No demand for China is seen, and the export division is doing nothing, prices being well beyond the views of foreign customers.

Cotton has again risen above all records for a quarter of a century, and fluctuation of \$2.50 a hale in a ringle session is no longer considered exceptional, while option trading of a million bales daily is not an unusual occurrence. Few cash sales are reported, and the planners are not receiving \$85 for their cotton, yet the mills that have no raw material on hand will be forced to pay the prices or else stop work. Exports have continued on a liberal scale.

Grain moved within narrow limits, no special news appearing other than a new record for wheat production in Australia. Prices are firm. Conservatism is still the leading characteristic in every department of the cotton good

torget this week numbered 24 in the United STARTS ON TOUR OF WORLD. Founder of Christian Endeavor

Society Leaves New York. Boston, Dec. 25.-The Reverend Doctor Francis E. Clark, the founder of the Christian Endeavor Society, left this city -day on a trour around the world. Doctor Clark was accompanied by his daughter. Several clergymen and Christian Endeavor officials were at the station to bid Doctor Clark a farewells. Doctor Clark and his daughter will spend Sunday in Omain, going from that city to San Francisco and thence to the Orient.

Stabbed in Quarrel Over Old Gradge REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Louisville, Ill., Dec. 25.—Horace, alias Shauney, Dobbs, lately returned home to this city from Oklahoma, was stabbed three times in the chest last night by Luther Jackson, against whom he held an old grudge. It is thought Dobbs will die. Jackson was arrested and gave bond.

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Chicago Young Man Thinks Uncle Has Neglected Him and Women Are Wounded. Chicago, Dec. 25.-William Kauffman.

nephew of George Kauffman, shot and fa-tally injured his cousin, Rosa Kauffman, wounded his aunt, Mrs. Rega Kauffman, to-day in a quarrel over Christmas presents.

Kaufman declared that his uncle had not given him a proper number of Christmas presents, and attempted to shoot him. The women endeavored to act as peacemakers, and Kaufman shot them both. He escaped.

ZANARDELLI IS NEAR DEATH.

Former Premier of Italy Is Suffering From Tumor.

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COLLISION IN A SNOWSTORM. Five Railroad Men Are Injured,

One Fatally. Chicago, Dec. 25.-In a heavy snowstorm to-day a suburban train on the Pennsylva-nia road crashed into the rear of a freight train of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad at Fifty-fourth street.

James Dooly, a brakeman on the Pennsylvania train, was fatally hurt and four railroad men sustained injuries. Three cars of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul train and the engine of the Pennsylvania train were demolished.

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